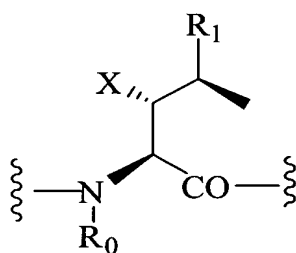


Remarks

In response to the October 19, 2005, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-103) with traverse. Applicants submit that it is inappropriate to impose a restriction requirement here, because the various groups of invention identified in the restriction requirement are related to one another and would necessarily require common areas of search and consideration. Accordingly, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Further, in response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect with traverse the compound of Formula (I) from claim 1, where A is an amino acid of Formula (II):



Formula II

wherein:

R₀ is CH₃;

R₁ is CH=CHC(=O)Me;

X is hydroxyl;

B is α-aminobutyric acid;

C is a sarcosine;

D is N-methyl leucine;

E is valine;

F is an N-methyl leucine;

G is alanine;

H is D-alanine;

I is N-methyl leucine;

J is N-methyl leucine; and

K is N-methyl valine.

Claims reading on the elected species include claims 1-3. Applicants submit that it is inappropriate to impose an election of species requirement here, because the species relate to a single inventive concept.

Finally, applicants hereby request that the examiner consider the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, as well as the June 28, 2004, Information Disclosure Statement, indicate such consideration by initialing the accompanying PTO/SB/08 forms, and return the initialed PTO/SB/08 forms with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the claims of Groups I-XVII should be examined on the merits at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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